

## COLENSO TAKEN.

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### WOMEN AND CHILDREN LEAVING.

No News from Ladysmith Has Been Received  
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sion is Felt in England.

London, Nov. 7.—The war office announced at midnight last night that no dispatches had been received beyond those already made public, and nothing more would be issued before noon yesterday.

Not an item of news has been published for nearly twenty-four hours. This has given rise to a crop of rumors that Ladysmith's ammunition is exhausted; that Sir George White is mortally wounded; that both facts are being concealed, and that other unlucky happenings have taken place. For all of these reports there is absolutely no foundation. At the same time, the Britisher has had little to stimulate him within the past twenty-four hours, except the news of the confident attitude of the Ladysmith garrison and its slight successes last Thursday and Friday.

Advices from other parts of south Africa are distinctly unfavorable, and point to a critical situation in Natal and the northern portions of Cape Colony, likely to grow more acute until Gen. White is either relieved or decisively defeated. Nobody dares to think of capitulation. Rather than that, he is expected, in the last resort, if Ladysmith becomes untenable, to make a desperate attempt to cut his way through the Boers back into lower Natal and to join hands with the garrison there, which is now almost certain to be reinforced by the first arrivals of the army corps from England, and to be pressed forward to renew touch with him.

Estcourt, Natal, Friday, Nov. 2.—Colenso is now in the hands of the Boers. Before evacuation was decided upon the enemy tried to cut off our outposts. The Durban light infantry, under Lieut. Molyneux and a force of Dublin fusiliers, were sent to the relief of the outposts and a brisk fight ensued. The Boers were repulsed, leaving twelve dead. Twenty Boers' horses were killed and the others stampeded. The chief motive for the withdrawal, however, was that the long range guns of the Boers made the position untenable. No orders were received for retirement.

While retirement was in progress the Natal volunteers at Fort Wylie had great difficulty in getting away their nine-pounder in the dark. They were advised to spike the gun, but were exceedingly unwilling to do this, resolving to make a determined effort to take it with them. While they were running the gun on its carriage down a hill the ropes broke and the gun and carriage rushed on, the latter being smashed at the bottom of the incline. Nothing daunted the plucky fellows undertook to carry the weapon itself, which had not been damaged, and they got it here safely.

The Boers shelled Colenso camp at dawn yesterday, being apparently unaware of the evacuation. They looted the stores, but did not harm the bridges, saying that they would want the railway themselves.

The women and children are crowding the trains bound for Pietermaritzburg and Durban.

Torpedo Boat Tested.  
New York, Nov. 7.—The submarine torpedo boat Holland was successfully tested in Peconic bay, Long Island, yesterday.

At the close of the test the members of the board of inspection, Rear Admiral Rogers, Commanders W. H. Emory and Charles Rolicker and Naval Constructor Washington E. Capps shook hands with John D. Holland, the inventor, and congratulated him on his success. He had waited twenty-five years for victory and tears streamed down his cheeks when the naval officers greeted him.

The Holland sank to a depth of ten feet while going at full speed, which was attained almost immediately. This left the tips of the flag poles on her deck exposed. But for these it would have been impossible to have traced the surface. She traveled at the rate of eight knots an hour, making the distance from start to turning point in nine and one-half minutes. Arriving at the end of the mile she shot to the surface, her turret coming into view.

Charged With Embezzlement.  
Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 7.—A warrant was sworn out yesterday for Thomas J. Hunter, formerly auditor of the Atlanta and West Point railway, and located in Atlanta, charging embezzlement. President George C. Smith of the Atlanta and West Point declines to make any statement in regard to the shortage, nor will he say who swore out the warrant. Street rumors place the shortage at from \$15,000 to \$40,000. Mr. Hunter was prominent socially.

### Philippine Autonomy.

Manila, Nov. 7.—At Bacolor, in the island of Negros, the first autonomous government of the Philippines was established yesterday. Gen. Smith, governor of the island of Negros, administered the oath of office to the judge of the supreme court, who in turn swore in the governor, three judges, twelve councilmen, the auditor and the secretary of the interior. The natives of the entire island attended the ceremony. Three officers from Iloilo were also present. Three days feasting will follow the celebration of the new government and the first anniversary of the surrender of the Spaniards to the Negros revolutionists, ending with a ball in the government house last night. American flags are displayed in the village. The celebration consisted of horse racing and other sports, music and religious services and an illumination. The ball last night attracted the wives of the wealthy planters and there was a great display of rich costumes and costly jewels as would be seen at a similar affair in America or Europe.

Elections were held Oct. 2, the number of votes cast being 5248. There were forty candidates for the various offices. Melcio Revero was elected governor, receiving 1995 votes. Senor Galme received 1277 votes. Suffrage was determined by property qualifications and ability to read and write.

Col. Miner welcomed the officials on behalf of the United States. In the course of his remarks he said:

"Negros leads the van of civil government in the Philippines. Your honor lies in adding a new star to freedom's flag."

Gen. Smith, during a speech which he delivered, said:

"Your future promises as brightly as Japan's, who to-day is recognized as among the civilized nations of the world."

Senor Revano, in replying, said that the best thing for the future of Negros was the continuance of close relations with the United States.

Gen. Smith then announced the granting of freedom to the political prisoners in commemoration of the event.

Gen. Hughes, in command of Iloilo, tendered a congratulatory speech over the eastern cable from that place.

Gen. Smith, in an interview, remarked that it was of the utmost importance that the Philippines should be taught to recognize the sovereignty of the United States. "The gravest danger," he added, threatening a peaceful administration is intrigue among the insular politicians," and he declared that the United States government must for years keep control of the Philippines to prevent such conditions from existing.

The members of the sixth infantry, which is divided into thirty garrisons throughout the island of Negros, are undergoing great hardships.

### No Soldier Bounty.

Jackson, Miss., Nov. 7.—Regarding the story sent out from Chicago that some 300 former members of the second and third Mississippi regiments who enlisted from that city have organized for the purpose of making a legal fight to obtain a bounty of \$50 each, is supposed to be granted to every soldier who recruits in a Mississippi regiment, and who is not a resident of the state. Secretary of State Power yesterday afternoon made the announcement that no such statute was ever in existence and that Mississippi never paid a soldier bounty, even to the members of her militia. He denounces the attempt as a swindling scheme devised by the firm of attorneys for the purpose of getting a \$2 fee from the former Chicago members of the Mississippi regiments.

### Cherokee Council.

Tableau, I. T., Nov. 7.—On account of the absence of several members the Cherokee council did not organize yesterday, but everything is now ready for an early organization today.

The term promises to be interesting. Another attempt will be made to make a treaty with the United States. Capitalists will be here to try and make a contract with the Cherokee to collect \$4,000,000 due them from the government.

### Natives Killed.

Alliwal North, Saturday, Nov. 7.—A Boer commando is now located at the Governor's Drift, up the river, and is reported to be about to cross into the Colony, probably to join the Bechuanaland burghers now in the Colony. The natives are greatly excited in the districts near the drift. Many Basuto have been discovered to possess assegais and guns where none of the weapons were known to be previously.

### Volunteers Welcomed.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Nov. 7.—The fifty-first Iowa volunteers returned to their native state yesterday, after service in the Philippines, and received a welcome in this city that warmed their hearts. A crowd of fully 5000 people flocked hither from all parts of the state to join the parade. Gov. Shaw extended the state's official welcome at Bayless park, while the city spoke through Mayor Jennings. Forty bands furnished the music for the occasion.

### Murder Charge.

Fort Worth, Tex., Nov. 7.—Charlotte Thompson, a negro woman aged 37 or 38 years, was brought in from Birdville, in this county, and jailed on the charge of murdering her husband, John Thompson, whose age was between 45 and 75 years.

The arrest was made by Sheriff Sterling P. Clark, who went out to Birdville after her, and the complaint charges that the murder was committed by the administering of poison.

The deceased expired at about 10 o'clock Saturday night. Justice Robert F. Millan accompanied Sheriff Clark and held an inquest, reserving his verdict until a later day.

The stomach of the dead man was taken out and a chemical analysis will be made here to ascertain the presence, if there is any, of poison.

The couple had lived together as husband and wife for several years. The deceased, Sheriff Clark said yesterday afternoon, was an honest, industrious negro, and was well thought of in the community.

The accused woman refuses to talk about the matter further than to deny that she is guilty.

### Is Better.

Denison, Tex., Nov. 6.—Express Messenger W. S. Concanannon, who was injured by the express robbers last Tuesday night in the Katy yards in this city, is very much better. He regained consciousness and recognized his father, brother and sister and other friends who were admitted to his presence. He talked intelligently to his father, and for the first time seemed to be in possession of all his senses.

Saturday evening his case seemed to be somewhat worse. He lost all powers of feeling in his body, and it looked as though the end was near, but yesterday he regained all his powers of sensation in the upper portion of his body and down to his knees. His lower limbs are still numb.

Dr. Robert Vance, in charge of the injured man, said yesterday afternoon: "Mr. Concanannon is much better, and he will live and have his mind. He has said nothing whatever about the express robbery as yet, and I will allow no one to talk to him about it, for fear that the worry will do him serious harm."

### Sad Affair.

Houston, Tex., Nov. 6.—A most distressing accident occurred yesterday at Harrisburg. It ended the life of an estimable lady, Mrs. Fagan, widow of the late Thomas Fagan.

Her home was near Harrisburg, and during the day she visited the cemetery to place flowers upon the grave of her late husband. She also placed some lighted candles near the flowers, and in moving about to complete the decorations, her dress caught fire from the candles. The screams of her little children and a little negro boy attracted the attention of Capt. Folk, whose home was not far away. He hastened to the place but upon arriving, found that she was dead. She was heavily dressed, and when her skirts caught fire the flames soon encircled her, and death was doubtless caused from inhaling the red tongues of the cruel flames.

She formerly lived in eastern Texas, true bills last week.

marriage she leaves three children.

The McKinney postoffice receipts for October amounted to \$952.23, which is \$125 more than for the corresponding month of last year. At the present rate of increase, if kept up, for nine consecutive months, McKinney will be entitled to free mail delivery.

### Escaped, but Recaptured.

Ablene, Tex., Nov. 6.—The officers were startled by the discovery that two prisoners had broken jail and made their escape. The prisoners escaping were Wash Lytle, confined under a sentence for ten years in the penitentiary on the charge of burglary; the other was Toy Patterson, under a sentence of two years in the penitentiary on a charge of assault with intent to murder. Patterson soon came in and gave himself up, but Lytle gave the officers a chase.

### The Winners.

San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 6.—The management of the third annual tournament of the San Antonio gun club announced the winners of the tournament: V. C. Dargatz, Dallas, first prize for the best average score; Atchison, Gliddings, second; Lofton, Gliddings, third; Thiele, San Antonio, fourth; Brady, Waxahatchie, fifth; Ingram, Nacogdoches, sixth; Burns, Brenham, seventh; W. Miller, Austin, eighth; Darlington, Gliddings, ninth; Sparks, Gliddings, tenth.

### Lost a Finger.

Venus, Tex., Nov. 6.—Wm. Owens, a young man working at W. F. Henry & Co.'s corn sheller at this place, got the last two fingers on his left hand caught in the shuck carrier here and got them badly lacerated, necessitating an operation. It was thought at first that his fourth finger would have to be amputated, but the physicians decided to take out a piece of the bone and try to save the finger.

### Broom Corn Industry.

Waco, Tex., Nov. 7.—The broom industry in Texas has dwindled a great deal, said to be on account of a trust in brooms, the syndicate having crushed out all the small plants and taken charge of the manufacture, so that limited capital has no chance whatever.

Mr. L. C. Henry, who has been manufacturing brooms in Texas for twenty years past, says that though he is not allowed to make brooms, he intends to make the broom corn. Speaking of the corner in broom corn, in which Chicago parties are said to be the chief manipulators, Mr. Henry said:

"Next year we will make Messrs. Roseboom, Klein, Tarbox and others put out some more money to corner the Texas product, for, after all, the Lone Star state is the true broom corn region of the world. It is a good growth in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma and Minnesota, but here, as a matter of fact, it beats any other crop for a sure thing all the time, irrespective of drought or any other drawback. I have before me the figures that the Chicago syndicate bought 20,000 tons and intend to sell the price from \$150 a ton to \$225 a ton. Well, now, that will be a good thing in case the price is sustained, and the premium on broom corn shall tempt the Texas farmers, while they are diversifying, to add broom corn to their list of new crops. It rather struck me as strange when I read in a dispatch that the combine had secured 20,000 tons at a cost approximately of \$1,250,000, and could, therefore, command the market and dispose of their holdings at prices to suit themselves.

Just suppose the Texas farmers were to turn themselves loose on broom corn and then imagine the Chicago syndicate preparing to make another corner. It is stated that the operations this year, which have proved successful, were accomplished with less than \$1,500,000. It will take more than double that sum when Texas gets under way in broom corn culture. It is a crop which has been introduced into this state many times and has always shown that it was a proper crop for this soil and climate. The causes of failure were the lack of knowledge as to the method of harvesting the crop and handling it afterwards, all of which knowledge can be obtained from the agricultural department at Washington or the experiment stations in Texas.

"The fact is, the farmers do not know, as a general thing, the unlimited advantages at their disposal. They are not aware of the fact that a letter addressed to the department at Washington or to the agricultural experiment stations in Texas will elicit a reply forthwith on almost any possible contingency which may arise in their business. Texas from the Gulf to the Pacific river, will produce broom corn of the very highest quality and it afterwards it is handled right it will answer the purposes of manufacturers just as well as the best broom corn grown in Missouri or Illinois."

### New Railroad Expected.

Granbury, Tex., Nov. 7.—Mayor Butler of Weatherford and Civil Engineer R. S. Wells of Loring, O., are in the city en route to Waco in the interest of the prospective Chicago, Weatherford and Brazos Valley railroad. They were met here by a number of Glen Rose citizens and accompanied by that party and Mayor Reichert and Alderman Landers and other citizens of Granbury left here yesterday morning for Glen Rose.

### Band of Smugglers.

A band of smugglers were recently arrested in Duval county by rangers.

### After Burglars.

Paris, Tex., Nov. 7.—Early after dark Sunday night, while Officer Charley Minton was passing through an alley between the Peterson theater and the rear of the Avenue hotel, he discovered two negroes in act of emerging from the latter building. The hotel has been closed for several months, but a considerable portion of the bedding remained stored in it. The negroes had rolled up a lot of carpets, rugs, quilts, etc., and were preparing to take them through a back window. The officer fired one or two ineffectual shots at one of the burglars, who made his escape. Two men were afterward arrested.

While the officers were after the negroes a burglar went to the hotel and carried away the effects which had been placed against the window.

### Recovered His Horses.

Sherman, Tex., Nov. 7.—Friday night Charles Butler found his stock lot gate open, his buggy pulled out into the street and two horses gone. He heard nothing more of the missing animals until yesterday morning a colored man who lives near Denison brought the animals in and stated he had found them loose near his pasture. He states that they had the appearance of having been ridden. Both animals are cut by barb wire.

### State Rangers' Reunion.

San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 4.—The third annual reunion of the State Rangers' association of Texas was held here yesterday in the parlors of the Mahancke hotel. The attendance was the best in the history of the association, some two score grizzled old frontiersmen being among the participants.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, J. G. Booth; first vice-president, W. A. Pitts; second vice-president, J. T. Blackburn; secretary-treasurer, H. W. Chinn; surgeon, Dr. Evans; historian, N. A. Jennings. New York; sergeant-at-arms, L. P. Seager.

### A Fearful Deed.

Weatherford, Tex., Nov. 4.—Deputy Sheriff J. P. McConnell received a telephone message early yesterday morning from Buckner stating that a man residing in that neighborhood had killed his granddaughter and knifed his son in the throat early yesterday morning, and asking that the sheriff and county attorney come to the scene at once. The man was in custody of the constable when the messenger left for Weatherford.

Sheriff Itebill and County Attorney Finney have gone to Buckner, which is about eighteen miles southwest of here. The cause of the rash act was not known to the messenger.

Granbury, Tex., Nov. 4.—News reached here of the killing of a 2-year-old child by its grandfather near Japan yesterday. The telephone details are to the effect that the child was shot and then its head was smashed with an ax. The madman then attempted to cut the throat of his 14-year-old son, who made his escape to a neighbor's house. He was seriously cut. Three daughters of the homicide ran from the house for their lives. They were shot at several times.

The madman was arrested and will be jailed at Weatherford.

### Killed to Death.

McKinney, Tex., Nov. 4.—A fatal burning occurred five and one-half miles east of McKinney at 1 o'clock Thursday on the farm of Col. Aaron Coffey, in which the little 8-year-old child was the victim. In playing about the cook stove the child's clothing was accidentally ignited and nearly consumed from her body before the flames could be extinguished. Two ladies were in the house at the time, but could do little until a young man, Ben Lewis, ran from the barn in answer to their screams, and smothered the flames by wrapping the child up in his coat. The victim lingered in great agony until nearly midnight, when she died. The mother of the child was the victim of a negro assaulter near Sherman about six years ago. It will be remembered she later died from her injuries, and her black assailant met a terrible doom at the hands of a mob at Bonham.

Her father, who was also badly injured by the negro at the same time, has the profound sympathy of the entire community over this second horrible calamity befalling him.

### Granted Bail.

Terrell, Tex., Nov. 4.—J. E. McMorris had an examining trial here yesterday before Justice of the Peace T. L. Frank on a charge of assault with murder and he was placed under a bond of \$1000 for his appearance at the district court at Kaufman.

### Concanannon Improving.

Denison, Tex., Nov. 4.—There is nothing new in the developments in regard to Monday night's express robbery in this city. There have been many rumors of clues, of arrests, of talks that the injured express messenger was supposed to have had with officers, but all of them have been chased down and found to be falsely founded. Local officers have ceased, in a great measure, to exert themselves in the case on account of the fact that the express company has its own detectives here, imported from Chicago and St. Louis.

Express Messenger Concanannon was considerably improved yesterday and his condition is such as to give his physicians great encouragement as to his ultimate recovery.

The American Express company and the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway company jointly offer a reward of \$2000 for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who assaulted Express Messenger Concanannon and robbed the express car on Monday night.

Six hundred sheep were routed to death by the burning of some pens at Kansas City.

Cleburne, Tex., Nov. 4.—Col. S. E. Moss and Maj. P. J. Norwood have returned from a hunt on the Brazos river. They report the bagging of 187 ducks, 200 quail and 57 squirrels. This is the figures given by Maj. Norwood. Col. Moss could not be seen to verify the figures given, but as Maj. Norwood is an old hunter, having followed fox hounds in the mountains of Tennessee for years, the reporter was not inclined to doubt his word.

### TEXANETTES.

Big Springs is to have an opera house.

Tom Mozac, a prominent Bohemian, suicided at Sublime.

Work will soon begin on the Hebrew synagogue at Marshall.

Halloween parties were held at several cities in the state.

Two carriers have been added to the postoffice force at Dallas.

Wild geese and ducks are plentiful on the flats west of Sherman.

Mrs. George A. Carden, wife of a well known Dallas attorney, died in that city.

J. C. Snodgrass fell from a wagon while en route to San Angelo and was killed.

Rev. M. F. Andrews is conducting a revival at the Baptist church in Texarkana.

Lory, Brown & Co.'s store at Jacksonville was burglarized and \$200 worth of jewelry taken.

The \$10,000 Young Men's Christian association building at Cleburne is fast approaching completion.

Two hundred thousand gallons of water daily are being pumped from Sherman's new waterworks well.

Two large gray wolves entered the city limits of Georgetown a day or two ago and appropriated a Brahman hen.

W. Waggoner & Son of Waggoner, Tex., recently sold 314 steers in Chicago, averaging 1008 pounds, at \$2.80.

H. P. Mansfield of Houston sold to the Trinity Lumber company 10,000 acres of timbered land in Polk county.

Otto Wolff, a Hebrew, convicted at Paris on the charge of uttering a false instrument, has professed Christianity.

A runaway horse which Jim Bradley was riding in Hill county dashed the latter against a tree with fatal results.

Large congregations gather at the Central Christian church, Dallas, to hear the sermons of Evangelist Scoville.

The government hatcheries at San Marcos distributed several hundred little fish in the streams around San Angelo.

The grand lodge of the Sons of Hermann has filed with the secretary of state an important amendment to its charter.

During the fair at Abilene Mr. A. Fair and Miss Ella Patterson were united in marriage in front of the grand stand.

While he was attempting to make a coupling at Richmond, George Anderson, a brakeman, was run over and horribly mangled.

Major Oppkroff, United States engineer, with a large force, is making an extensive survey of the mouth of the Trinity river.

The Dallas postoffice receipts for October amounted to \$16,911.65, an increase of \$2109.25 or 15 per cent over the corresponding month last year.

Galveston exported more grain in October than in any month in the history of the port. She shipped 1,839,522 bushels of wheat and 583,610 bushels of corn.

An unknown person struck John Mills, colored, with a brickbat at Sherman a few nights ago as he was leaving a house, breaking one of his jaws and knocking out several teeth.

Mrs. Angelina Roper, while drawing water from a well at Borror's gin, near Wheeler, slipped, and she fell into the well, descending 120 feet. Her head was crushed to a jelly against the sides of the rock wall in her fall.

C. H. Armstrong, a former railroad man of Denison, has arrived at El Paso direct from the Klondike. He brought back many valuable gold nuggets and a sack full of black gold bearing sand from Cape Nome.

The Germania Fire Insurance company of New Orleans has withdrawn from the state. The company turned over its Texas policies to the America Fire Insurance company of New York City.

Parties living near the lakes in the vicinity of Tyler report the killing of a number of wild geese and ducks the past few days. On account of moss being plentiful the bottoms around that place are full of squirrels, which are slain and sold in Tyler at 5 cents per squirrel.

The first wild deer killed in Hunt county in several years was shot by a Mr. Gentry twenty miles south of the city of Greenville a few days ago. It was taken to Greenville and sold. The animal was quite a large one, the body measuring six feet.

The British ship Westwater has departed from Sabine Pass for Liverpool with a cargo of wheat, cotton and flour. She is the third steamer that has left Sabine Pass within a few weeks for England's great seaport. All left with good loads.

Joe Woolridge, a 16-year-old youth of Austin, while hunting pulled a gun that was loaded out of his buggy. The weapon was discharged and the head of buckshot entered Joe's right side, causing his death a few hours afterwards.